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Docket Number: 98P-0151/CP1

To Whom It May Concern:

We're writing you this letter as very concerned Animal Rights Advocates, to help pass important farm animal protection legislation.

"Downed Animals". Two words that haunt our minds with disturbing images of torture, cries of agony and excruciating pain! "Downed Animals" throughout the country are subjected to unspeakable acts of cruelty. Too weak to stand, they are pushed with tractors, dragged with chains, abandoned, tortured and left to die! How sad.

Farm animals need and deserve protection under the law. These animals deserve to be humanely euthanized or provided with appropriate veterinary care. "Downed Animals" should be given the same consideration as other animal abuse and neglect cases.

We urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of "Downed Animals".

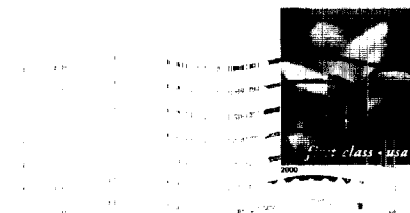
Respectfully,

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